

ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE MAYOR MITCHEL; BULLET HITS BYSTANDER

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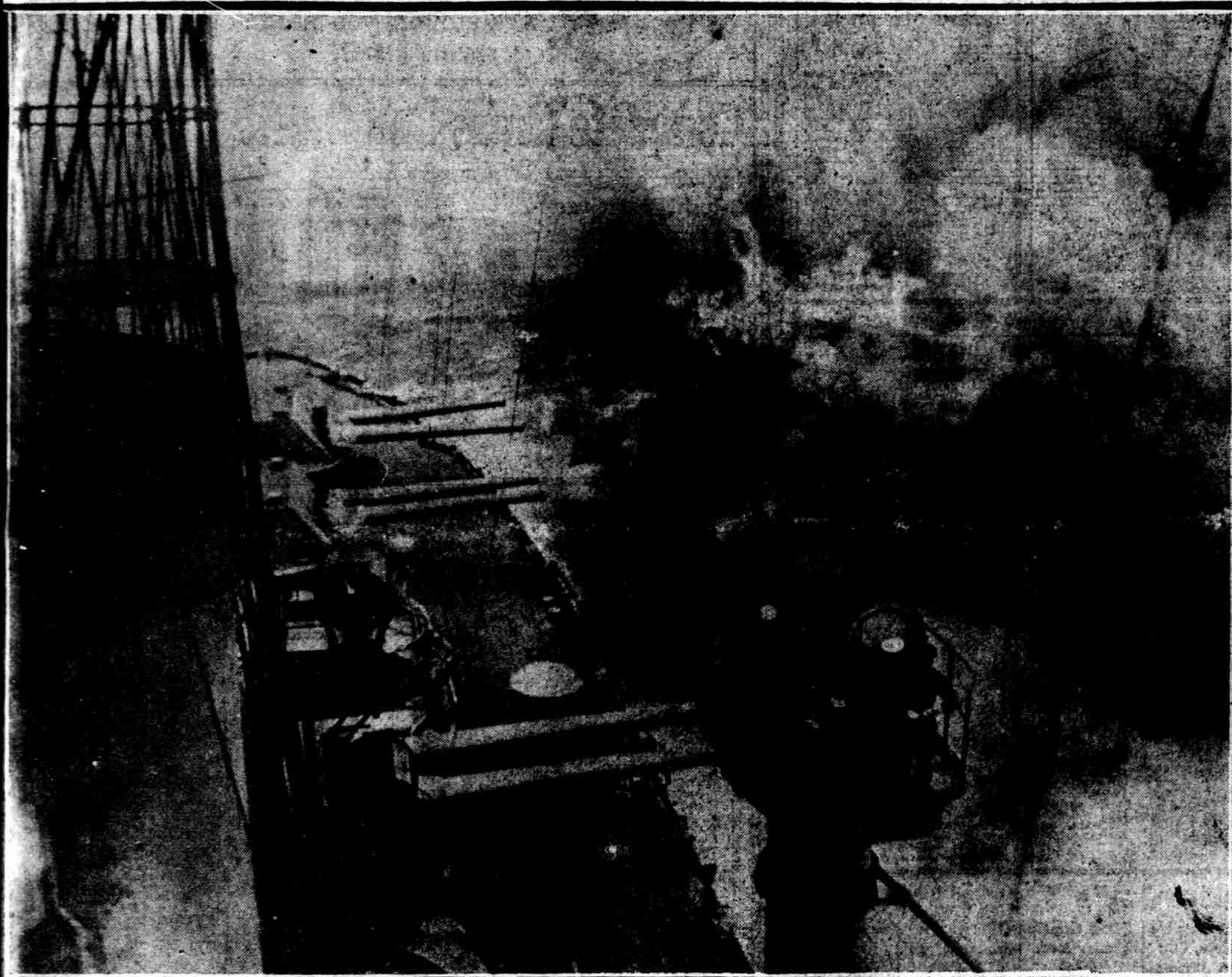
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HUERTA NOW DEMANDS GUN FOR GUN SALUTE!

WHAT MAY HAPPEN AT TAMPICO AND VERA CRUZ



A remarkable photograph of the great guns of the Arkansas firing a broadside salvo. These guns, on the flagship of the Atlantic fleet steaming toward Tampico, established a world's record in target practice. The picture was taken by the Hearst-Selig News Pictorial Service, in connection with motion pictures, which will be shown in Washington next week.

WAR LOOMS

Insists That U. S. and Mexico Fire at Same Time--Hostilities Nearer Than Ever Before--Bryan Optimistic.

BRYAN FORSEES NO CLASH WITH HUERTA

Secretary Says He Believes the Situation Will Work Out Diplomatically.

Leaving a protracted Cabinet meeting today, Secretary of State Bryan insisted that the latest hitch in the Mexican crisis was not so serious as to threaten a clash with the Huerta government.

Secretary Bryan made it plain that he expects a complete agreement between the United States and the Mexican government, as represented by Huerta, within a short time. He said he was hopeful the entire matter could be settled so he could proceed on his deferred vacation in Florida on a late train tonight, but certainly not later than tomorrow night.

Bryan insisted that the length of today's Cabinet meeting was not in any way due to the Mexican situation. He said Mexico occupied only a few minutes of the time, and he insisted he had not changed his position in any way from that which he had held. He also said he had every reason to believe the situation will work out diplomatically and "that our demands will be met."

Fletcher Prepares Liner for Refugees at Tampico

Admiral Fletcher, at Tampico, today reported to the Navy Department that the Esperanza, a Ward liner, which has been acquired by the Government, is being held in readiness for refugees. Fletcher has taken over the liner and placed a small crew and a signal man aboard her under Lieutenant Fletcher. According to the message, there are a few refugees already aboard the Esperanza, and many foreigners are flocking into Vera Cruz for safety.

Lodge Withdraws His Criticism of Salute Plan

Upon learning that Admiral Mayo, in his original demands upon the Mexican commander, had called for a salute to the American flag, by the United States, Senator Lodge, of the Foreign Relations Committee, immediately withdrew his criticism of yesterday, when he held that such a salute on our part would be a clear case of backing down. Senator Lodge thinks that in view of this agreement it is only proper that the salute should be acknowledged. The Navy Department produced precedents, which it contended established beyond a doubt that the return of the Mexican salute was in accordance with the practice of nations. This fact is also believed to have influenced the Senator in changing his views.

War looms in the Mexican situation this afternoon, as result of a new demand of General Huerta, provisional President of Mexico, that the United States fire a gun for gun salute with that fired by the Mexicans in reparation for the insult to the American flag.

In substance General Huerta's last communication disavows his previous promise to apologize.

The prospect of a compliance by Huerta with any of the demands of the United States is for the moment dimmed.

It seems from dispatches received this morning from Charge O'Shaughnessy as if Huerta courts war.

The prospect is that he will get it unless he takes a decidedly different attitude from that assumed.

Huerta demands that the return salute by the American warships at Tampico shall be made simultaneously with the salute of apology to be fired by the Mexican garrison. This will positively not be accepted by the United States.

A message to that effect was sent to Charge O'Shaughnessy today.

MAY BLOCKADE PORTS.

In the meantime it is believed that the Administration here, disturbed by the procrastinating methods of Huerta and the latter's obvious determination to make the apology as mild as possible, had decided to proceed with a blockade of Tampico and Vera Cruz, hoping by this means to bring the Mexican dictator to terms.

President Wilson, in a few words, explained to the Cabinet today just what the situation is. There was little discussion, but enough to convince members of that body that things were proceeding far from satisfactorily. This was evidenced on all sides when the Cabinet adjourned.

The dispatch received this morning from Charge O'Shaughnessy was in reply to one sent him yesterday afternoon by Secretary of State Bryan directing the charge to inform Huerta that if the latter complied and fired the salute, a return salute would be fired by the American fleet as a matter of course. Beyond that point, the negotiations have borne no definite results.

HAS NOT PROMISED.

It can be stated on the authority of a Cabinet officer that Huerta has not yet actually promised to obey the mandate of the United States Government. It was admitted that the suggestion had been made regarding the simultaneous firing of guns.

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BOEHLING TO FACE THE RED SOX TODAY

By THOMAS KIRBY.

BOSTON, April 17.—It is fair and cold in Boston today, with a bleak wind sweeping in from the ocean, but the outlook for a game is encouraging. Yesterday's heavy rain soaked Fenway Park, but the wind had dried the diamond in time for practice this morning. The Griffins and Red Sox will meet for the last time during this series before a big crowd. Joe Boehling, the Richmond southpaw, will be sent to the mound for the Washington brigade, regardless of how cold it may be. Henry Cady is due to catch. Manager Griffith made this announcement shortly before midnight.

Stay for W. H. Cooper To Be Argued Friday

The motion of counsel for Wade H. Cooper, president of the United States Savings Bank, indicted on a charge of libel in connection with the charges he filed against Justice Wright at the White House, for a stay of the criminal proceedings pending action by Congress, will be argued next Friday. An agreement to this effect was reached by respective counsel today.

Shot Barely Misses New York Executive

NEW YORK, April 17.—An attempt to assassinate Mayor Mitchell as he was leaving the city hall was made this afternoon. The shot missed Mitchell but hit Corporation Counsel Polk.

The would-be assassin was an old man and was caught by Mayor Mitchell himself. The mayor had just stepped into his automobile when the shot was fired.

Mr. Polk was just stepping into the car to join the mayor when the shot was fired. Mitchell leaped out of the car and seized the man with the revolver. Polk apparently was seriously hurt, as he had to be given assistance.

There was an enormous noon-time crowd in City Hall square at the time.

The first report was that the mayor had been struck by the bullet, and many persons rushed to his side.

The mayor, however, appeared to be cool and insisted that the bullet had not struck him.

Corporation Counsel Polk was shot in the chin. The bullet made a flesh wound, striking the bone and passing out.

The would-be assassin was taken into the City Hall police station by the mayor himself.

The man was taken into one inner room, and Polk

was carried into another inner room, so that the crowd could be excluded.

Mayor Mitchell took entire charge of the situation, directing the desk sergeant as to what hospital to call.

The crowd by that time was enormous, but there were dozens of policemen near the scene.

The police lines were thrown about the police station, which is on the ground floor of the city hall at the southeast corner.

In this way the crowd was held in check, although it overflowed the square into Park Row.

The man who fired the shot absolutely refused to tell his name, but on his celluloid collar and on his underwear was printed the name "David Rose." He is of very slight build, apparently about fifty years old. He showed signs of being very weak and was emaciated. It seemed probable that he was suffering from an hallucination. All he would say in reply to questions was:

"Everything is all right. I won't tell my name." In his pocket was found a letter addressed to Mayor Armstrong, of Pittsburgh.

This letter said:

"Armstrong: You have done your part and you will do our part soon and you will see what part it will be."

Mayor Mitchell came out of the room where Polk was being attended by surgeons and said the corporation counsel had an ugly but not a serious wound on the right side of the chin, near the mouth. He asked that Mrs. Polk be notified by telephone immediately that he was with Polk and would remain with him until he could be removed to the New York Hospital.

"Tell her," said the mayor, "that the wound is not serious."